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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Arkansas: Final Authorization of State-initiated Changes and Incorporation by Reference of State Hazardous Waste Management Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: During a review of Arkansas' regulations, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) identified a variety of State-initiated changes to Arkansas' hazardous waste program under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as amended. The EPA proposes to authorize the State for the program changes. In addition, the EPA proposes to codify in the regulations entitled "Approved State Hazardous Waste Management Programs", Arkansas' authorized hazardous waste program. The EPA will incorporate by reference into the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) those provisions of the State regulations that are authorized and that the EPA will enforce under RCRA. The purpose of this **Federal Register** document is to codify Arkansas' base hazardous waste management program and its revisions to that program.

DATES: Send written comments by **[insert date 30 days after the date of publication in the Federal Register]**.

ADDRESSES: Submit any comments identified by Docket ID No. EPA-R06-RCRA-2016-0680 by one of the following methods:

1. *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

2. *E-mail:* patterson.alima@epa.gov.

3. *Mail:* Alima Patterson, Region 6, Regional Authorization Coordinator, RCRA Permit Section (RPM), Multimedia Division, EPA Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733.

4. *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Deliver your comments to Alima Patterson, Region 6, Regional Authorization Coordinator, RCRA Permit Section (RPM), Multimedia Division, EPA Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733.

Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-R06-RCRA-2016-0680.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alima Patterson, Region 6, Regional Authorization Coordinator, RCRA Permit Section (6MM-RP), Multimedia Division, EPA Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733, phone number: (214) 665-8533, mail address: *patterson.alima@epa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EPA has already provided notices and opportunity for comments on the Agency's decisions to codify the Arkansas program, and the EPA is not now reopening the decisions, nor requesting comments, on the Arkansas authorization program. In the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**, the EPA is authorizing the State-initiated changes to the Arkansas program, in addition to codifying and incorporating by reference the State's hazardous waste program as a direct final rule because we believe these actions are not controversial and do not expect comments that oppose them. We have explained the reasons for this authorization and incorporation by reference in the preamble to the direct final rule. Unless we receive written comments which oppose the authorization in this codification document during the comment period, the direct final rule will

become effective 60 days after publication and we will not take further action on this proposal.

If we receive comments that oppose the authorization, we will withdraw the direct final rule and it will not take effect. We will then respond to public comments in a later final rule based on this proposal. You may not have another opportunity for comment. If you want to comment on this action, you must do so at this time.

For additional information, please see the direct final rule published in the “Rules and Regulations” section of this **Federal Register**.

Authority: This rule is issued under the authority of Sections 2002(a), 3006, and 7004(b) of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6912(a), 6926, and 6974(b).

Dated: July 27, 2017.

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Acting Regional Administrator, Region 6.

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